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## Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Campbell Gillon, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we come before Thee in dangerous times. Many are anxious and fearful as the lives of our Nation's forces and their allies are in harm's way, opposing an evil and oppressive regime. We pray for swift victory and a safe return. We know that the one certainty of war is sacrifice. And yet there is the haunting thought that if nothing is worth fighting and dying for, then evil goes unchallenged, cruelty unthwarted, and oppression unchecked. What then is worth living for?

We pray for courage and inner strength for those young men and women, who, on their country's behalf, offer a forceful, yet vulnerable presence to compel a malevolent dictator's overthrow.

Lord, we live in a day when the foundations of truth and goodness have been despised and denigrated and lives are built on hedonism, cynicism, and relativism. Yet these are sand, and after life's quaking storms only the things which cannot be shaken remain.

O God, let good be brought out of evil as people realize that freedom is a luxury, denied for most of history to most of humanity. Thus, may our gratitude for our own freedom be shown by never taking it for granted or using it wantonly, forgetting its cost in sacrifice, past and present.

May these Senators, as guardians of this precious freedom, be its sharers with others, as blessed by Thee. And may they use their position of power for a lasting purpose that benefits this fair land and far beyond. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TED STEVENS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business throughout the afternoon. As announced by the majority leader, there will be no rollcall votes today. On Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., the Senate will begin a series of votes in relation to amendments to the budget resolution. Again, Senators are reminded to remain in or close to the Chamber throughout this period to avoid missing any of the scheduled rollcall votes. Under the previous agreement, the Senate will vote on final passage of the budget resolution at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Tuesday and Wednesday will be busy voting days, and we ask for the cooperation of all Members.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished assistant minority leader.

Mr. REID. Senator CONRAD, with Senator DASCHLE, worked all weekend in narrowing down the amendments. Senator CONRAD is in the present position of giving 20 of the 40 amendments to Senator NICKLES within the next few minutes, and at 4 p.m. the other amendments will be submitted to Senator NICKLES.

We recognize tomorrow could be a very difficult, long day, starting at 9:30. This agreement we made is in the best interests of everyone, and I am hopeful we can work that out.

Following the statement of the Senator from Maine, Ms. COLLINS, I ask

consent that Senator KENNEDY be recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 5 p.m., with time to be equally divided between the leaders or their designees.

### SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to express my strong and unconditional support for our troops in Iraq. As the war continues to progress, I have every confidence in their capabilities, their courage, and their commitment. The passage by unanimous vote last week of a resolution in support of our troops sent a message to all the world that Congress is united behind our men and women in the gulf.

I have also come to express my sincere condolences to the families of those brave individuals who have already made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation. Last Friday, I learned that my State of Maine had suffered two losses early in the fighting, two marines with ties to the State of Maine: CPT Jay Aubin and CPL Brian Kennedy were among those killed when their helicopter crashed in the Kuwaiti desert. Captain Aubin grew up in Skowhegan, ME, and his parents, Thomas Aubin and Nancy Chamberlain, live in our State still. Corporal Kennedy's mother lives in Port Clyde, ME. No words can express fully my sorrow over their loss and my

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